<u>REMARKS</u>

This preliminary amendment accompanies a request to commence 35 U.S.C. §371 U.S. national stage processing.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Examination on the merits is requested.

Applicant's attorney hereby requests that the English translation, submitted herewith, be used as the copy for examination purposes by the Office.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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